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SUBJ: GOK COMPLAINTS RE US PERFORMANCE UNDER FMS

REF: A. KUWAIT 355 DTG 220914Z JAN 76

B. KUWAIT 2978 DTG 160610Z JUL 75

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D. STATE 213357 DTG 271551Z SEP 74

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SUMMARY: AS REPORTED REFTEL A, DURING RECENT VISIT TO KUWAIT OF GEN HUYSER, DCINCEUR, GOK PROVIDED A LIST OF COMPLAINTS CONCERNING USG PERFORMANCE UNDER VARIOUS FMS PROGRAMS. LIST IS A (POOR) ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF ARABIC TEXT (NOT PROVIDED). VERBATIM TEXT, WITH EXPLANATORY NOTES PREPARED BY EMBASSY, IS CONTAINED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED FOLLOWING REVIEW WITH OSD/JCS/ EUCOM TEAM CURRENTLY VISITING KUWAIT. END SUMMARY

1. IMPROVED HAWK MISSILE PROJECT:

(1) A. QUOTE: ESTIMATED AMOUNT GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE MAJOR PROJECT; NO CHANGE IN PRICES OR DELIVERY.

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END QUOTE.

NOTE: THIS APPEARS TO BE ASSERTION THAT COST AND DELIVERY TIMES SHOULD NOT CHANGE.

(1) B. QUOTE: COMPLIMENTARY FMS CASES: THE ESTIMATE OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOR NINE COMPLIMENTARY CASES WERE NOT CORRECT THEREBY CONFUSING THE BUDGET OF KUWAIT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AS THE INCREASE AMOUNTED TO \$148,524,554.00. END QUOTE

NOTE: GOK USED RAYTHEON JULY 74 PROPOSAL AS BASIS FOR ESTIMATING COSTS. THIS COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL (INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION) SET TOTAL COST AT \$206 MILLION. DIRECT COMPARISON WITH SUBSEQUENT US OFFERS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OF SCOPE IN PAST 18 MONTHS. OVERALL COST INCREASE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$50 AND \$150 MILLION. SEE REFTEL (B) AND (C) FOR MORE DETAILED INFO.

(1) C. QUOTE: MOST OF THE SUBJECT CONCERNING COMPLIMENTARY FMS CASES WERE NOT APPROVED UNTIL NOW, EXAMPLE, SITUATION REINFORCEMENTS, AIR DEFENSE SCHOOL, SUPPORT WORKSHOPS. END QUOTE.

NOTE: THIS APPEARS TO BE COMPLAINT ON OVERDUE FMS CASES FOR REMAINDER OF IHAWK PROGRAM. MAJOR EQUIPMENT CASE SIGNED 01 NOV 74 - SUPPORTING/ANCILLARY CASES (REPRESENTING ONE-HALF TOTAL PROJAM DOLLAR VALUE) NOT PRESENTED UNTIL DEC 75 - JAN 76. SEE REFTEL (D).

(1) D. QUOTE: MOST OF THE CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE IHAWK PROJECT WERE MENTIONED IN THE SIDEWINDER MISSILE PROJECT WHICH UNBALANCED THE SKYHAWK PROJECT. END QUOTE.

NOTE: THIS IS A COMPLAINT ON USG HANDLING OF CALIBRATION LABORATORY (DUPLICATION BETWEEN USA AND USN CASES). REFTEL (F) PROVIDES SUMMARY OF MATTER.

(1) E. QUOTE: SOME OF THE COMPLIMENTARY FMS CASES WERE NOT RECEIVED UNTIL NOW WHILE OTHERS WERE RECEIVED WHEN THE VALIDITY HAS EXPIRED. END QUOTE.

NOTE: THIS IS A COMPLAINT ON 14-MONTH DELAY IN PRESENTING FMS CASES FOR BALANCE OF IHAWK PROGRAM. IT ALSO APPEARS TO REPRESENT

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SENT COMPLAINT ON SHORT TIMES ALLOWED FOR ACCEPTANCE MAJOR CASES UCY AND UCQ (\$84.1 MILLION TOTAL). NO CASES WERE ACTUALLY PRESENTED AFTER EXPIRATION DATE.

(1) F. QUOTE: ONE OFFICER WAS REQUESTED FROM THE IHAWK PROJECT - HIS DATE OF ARRIVAL HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED TILL NOW. END QUOTE.

NOTE: AT PRESENT TIME, REFTEL (E) IS USG POSITION.

(1) G. QUOTE: THE POSSIBILITY OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT WITH ROLAND MISSILES (AMERICAN MANUFACTURE.) END QUOTE.

NOTE: GOK APPEARS CONFUSED SINCE US REFUSAL ALREADY CONVEYED BY LETTER TO MAJ GEN SHAIKH MUBARAK ALONG WITH EXPLANATION OF NEED TO OBTAIN FRENCH/GERMAN ENDORSEMENT.

(1) H. QUOTE: AS THE FMS CASE ABOUT SECURITY HAS BEEN APPROVED, THE AIR DEFENCE REQUIRES SOME INFORMATION CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL TO COMPLETE THE AIR DEFENSE PLANNING WITH IHAWK MISSILES FOR THE VITAL AREAS IN KUWAIT. END QUOTE.

NOTE: US/KUWAITI TECHNICAL SECURITY AGREEMENT NOT SIGNED UNTIL 18 JAN 76. PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO US CLASSIFIED INFO FOR EGYPTIAN AIR DEFENSE ADVISORS REMAINS. AGREEMENT MAKES PROVISION FOR SUCH NON-KUWAITI NATIONALS AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED. QUESTION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF EGYPTIANS REMAINS UNRESOLVED.

2. SKY HAWK PROJECT.

(2) A. QUOTE: THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT FOR FOUR COMPLIMENTARY CASES (A4KU PROGRAM) WAS RECEIVED MUCH HIGHER THAN THE ESTIMATES GIVEN BY THE US MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ESPECIALLY IN THE SIDEWINDER MISSILE CASE, THE INCREASE AMOUNTED TO \$44,240,020.00. END QUOTE.

NOTE: COMPLAINT ADDRESSES INCREASED COSTS OF A4 ASSOCIATED CASES. USN PROVIDED SIGNED ESTIMATES OF ORDNANCE COSTS IN OCT 74. WHEN CASES PRESENTED A YEAR LATER, COST WAS HIGHER.

(2) B. QUOTE: THE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE US NAVY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THE KUWAIT AIRFORCE IS BEING CARRIED ON GOOD. END QUOTE.

NOTE: COMPLIMENT FOR NAVY.

(2) C. QUOTE: TILL NOW WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A QUOTATION FOR RECONNAISSANCE PODS THAT WERE REQUESTED AMONG THE MAJOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION OF THE AIRCRAFT. END QUOTE.

NOTE: COMPLAINT ON RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RECONNAISSANCE POD FOR A4KU. TECHNICAL INFO HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

(2) D. QUOTE: THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AIRCRAFT CONCERNING WEIGHT. THE AIRCRAFT TECHNICAL SCHEDULES LIMIT THE WEIGHT CARRIED BY 27000 LBS WHILE THE US MINISTRY OF DEFENSE INSISTS ON 24000 LBS ONLY. END QUOTE.

NOTE: AIRCRAFT SPECIFICATIONS AGREED AND INITIALED BY GOK
BEFORE FMS CASE WAS SIGNED. STATED MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF 24,500.
ALSO USG DATA (AIRCRAFT HANDBOOKS) PROVIDE PERFORMANCE CHARTS
AT WEIGHT OF 26,000 LBS.

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3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AMERICAN ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

(3) QUOTE: ALTHOUGH THE KUWAIT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE RECEIVED
PART OF THE AMERICAN ARMS AND EQUIPMENT, AND ALTHOUGH THE PRE-
SENCE OF TECHNICIANS WAS DEMANDED, THE US GOVERNMENT DID NOT
PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE FOR THESE ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. IT IS
REQUESTED TO SEND ONE TECHNICIAN EXPERT FOR THE TOW MISSILES
AND ONE FOR THE AMERICAN VEHICLES URGENTLY. END QUOTE.

NOTE: COMPLAINT CONCERNS USG FAILURE TO PROVIDE TECH ASSIS-
TANCE WHEN REQUESTED. AT ISSUE ARE TAFT'S: A ONE-MAN TAFT
FOR TOW AND A FOUR-MAN TAFT FOR SUPPLY/AUTOMOTIVE MATTERS,
REQUESTED DEC 74 AND MAY 75, RESPECTIVELY. FMS CASES OAE AND
OAF PRESENTED AUG 75. GOK REQUESTED RESTATEMENT DELETING
HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE, ETC. USG EFFORTS NEGOTIATE MOU CAUSED
MATTER TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE SINCE SUMMER 75. USG DECIDED
SECONDARY MOU NOT REQUIRED ON 10 JAN 76. MATTER CAN NOW BE
ADDRESSED.

4. INSTALLATIONS OF TOW MISSILES ON GAZELLE HELICOPTERS.

(4) QUOTE: THE US GOVERNMENT DID NOT AGREE TO CARRY OUT THE INSTALLATION OF TOW MISSILE SYSTEM ON THE FRENCH HELICOPTERS ALTHOUGH THE TOW AND ACCESSORIES MANUFACTURING COMPANY
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ASSURES THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INSTALLATION OF THIS SYSTEM.
END QUOTE.

NOTE: GOK STRONGLY DESIRES MOUNT TOW IN GAZELLE (FRENCH) HELO UNDER FMS. EMBASSY FORMALLY ADVISED GOK BY LETTER THAT USG UNWILLING TO PROVIDE UNDER FMS AND RECOMMENDED THAT GOK GO COMMERCIAL.

5. (5) QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT REQUESTED FROM THE US GOVERNMENT ONE AND A HALF YEARS BEFORE, A PROJECT FOR A TECHNICAL SCHOOL CONCLUSIVE FOR THE ARMED FORCES (BASIC COURSE) BUT NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TILL NOW FROM THE US AUTHORITIES.
END QUOTE.

NOTE: IN AUG 74, THE GOK REQUESTED USG PROVIDE A TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL (COMPARABLE TO A US VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL) FOR KUWAIT MILITARY. GOK DESIRED USG TO PROVIDE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AS REQUIRED AND TO OPERATE SCHOOL FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, WITH GRADUAL US PHASE-OUT. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS HIGH GOK INTEREST IN LATE 74, THIS IS FIRST MENTION BY GOK SINCE MAY 75. EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT USG ADVISE GOK TO GO COMMERCIAL.

6. JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER (JOC).

(6) QUOTE: THE KUWAIT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REQUESTED FROM THE US GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM IN THE JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER FOR THE ARMED FORCES. UNTIL NOW, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY REPLY FROM THE US AUTHORITIES, WHILE THE ARRIVAL OF THE RADARS AND MISSILE ARE OF NO REAL USE IF THE JOC AND THE EQUIPMENT ARE NOT READY FOR USE. END QUOTE.

NOTE: AFTER EARLIER INFORMAL REQUESTS, GOK HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED (DEC 75) USG PROVIDE AN AUTOMATIC AIR CONTROL/AIR DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS PROVIDED GUIDANCE THAT EMBASSY SHOULD RECOMMEND MANUAL SYSTEM (WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE UNACCEPTABLE TO GOK). THE OVERALL CONCEPT OF A COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM IS NOT DEFINED AT THIS TIME.

7. ATTACHED SHEETS. QUOTE PROBLEMS: FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CASES AS AT 20TH JAN 1976.
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(1). CASE UCD

CRANE, P AND H MODEL 315, 25 TON CAPACITY.

A. REVISED FMS CASE AWAITED.

B. REQUIRE, TECHNICAL MANUALS, SPARE PARTS BOOKS AND OFFER OF FIVE YEARS SPARE PARTS BACKING.

C. REVISION OF CASE TO CLARIFY COMPATIBILITY OF DRAGLINE AND PILE DRIVING EQUIPMENTS WITH THE MODEL 315 NOW OFFERED.

(2) CASE UAS

LINE ITEM 1. LUBRICATING AND SERVICING UNITS QTY 6

A. REQUIRE, TECHNICAL MANUALS, SPARE PARTS BOOKS AND OFFER FOR FIVE YEARS SPARE PARTS BACKING.

B. ITEM DUE ON 21 MAR 76. DELIVERY PROMISED JAN 76.

NO INDICATION TO-DATE OF DELIVERY SCHEDULE.

(3) CONSIGNMENT DOCUMENTATION. ALL FMS CASES CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED WITH SHIPPING DOCUMENTATION.

THE MAIN PROBLEM AREAS ARE:

(S) INADEQUATE PACKAGING, PARTICULARLY IN EARLIER SHIPMENTS.

(B) POOR ADDRESS MARKING AND FAILURE TO STENCIL DESTINATION ADDRESSEE AND TRANSPORTATION CONTROL NUMBER IN TWO PLACES ON EACH PACKAGE.

(C) INACCURACIES AND LATE DELIVERY OF BOTH OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS AND SUPPLY MANIFESTS TO PERMIT PROPER CHECKING ON DISCHARGE.

(D) CONSIGNMENTS DESPATCHED WHICH ARE NOT MANIFESTED ON THE VESSEL/AIRCRAFT PAPERS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE. ALTERNATIVELY, CONSIGNMENTS MANIFESTED WHICH ARE SUBSEQUENTLY SHORT LOADED IN THE UNITED STATES AND FOLLOW, WITHOUT PAPERWORK, ON SUBSEQUENT VESSELS.

(E) MISDIRECTED CONSIGNMENTS INCLUDING ITEMS RECEIVED IN KUWAIT FOR NICARAGUA, ETHIOPIA AND SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER DESTINATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE: TWO 2 AND 1/2 TON TRUCKS INTENDED FOR SAUDI ARABIA ARE HELD IN KUWAIT IN LIEU OF TWO 5 TON TRUCKS WHICH ARE STILL NOT LOCATED.

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(F) LACK OF CONSOLIDATED REQUISITIONS LISTINGS PRIOR TO

SHIPMENT. FOR EXAMPLE: CASE UCL CLOTHING HAS BEEN
DELIVERED WITHOUT COPIES OF THE REQUISITIONS SHOWING
STOCK NUMBERS AND QUANTITIES. EVENTUAL DELIVERIES
SHOWED MINOR VARIATIONS ON THE FMS CASE.

(G) LOSS, IN COMPARATIVELY FEW CASES, OF EXTERNAL PACK-
ING NOTES DUE TO THE UNSATISFACTORY METHOD OF ATTACHMENT,
8.E., PLASTIC BAG AND STAPLES. UNQUOTE.

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